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Applicants: Teiko Sutoh et al. Serial No.: 10/551,017 Conf. No.: 4672 Filed (I.A.): March 31, 2003 Title: Plasma-Sterilization Indicator and Sterilization Packaging Material Group Art Unit: 1797 Examiner: Elizabeth L. McKane Attorney Docket No.: 30162/41537

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICIAL ACTION

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

This paper is presented in response to the final official action dated March 19, 2009.

A complete listing of the existing claims is not required (or presented herein) because no changes are being made to the claims, no claims are being canceled, and no claims are being added. See 37 CFR § 1.121(c).

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